

REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM A. BUCKENDORF
MEDICAL CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY

Rear Admiral Buckendorf was born in Bassett, Nebraska, in 1940. He attended undergraduate school at the University of Nebraska and received a B.S. degree in 1963. He earned his medical degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1967. After completing his internship at Lincoln General Hospital, he was assigned to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, where he attended Flight Surgeon training at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute. Following designation as a Naval Flight Surgeon in December 1968, he was assigned to Carrier Air Wing 16 and deployed aboard USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14) to Vietnam in 1969. He was reassigned to Air Wing 21 and made a second cruise to Vietnam aboard USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) in 1970. In 1971, he entered residency training in internal medicine. Upon completion, he was assigned as Head, Internal Medicine and Cardiology Branch, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute from June 1974 to July 1978.

Rear Admiral Buckendorf completed cardiology training in 1979 and served as a staff cardiologist at Naval Regional Medical Center, San Diego from August 1979 to May 1980. He was next assigned as Senior Medical Officer aboard USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) from June 1980 to July 1982. During his tour, CORAL SEA made deployments to MIDPAC and the Indian Ocean and earned the AIRPAC 'Blue M' twice in succession. In August 1982, he was transferred to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, DC as Head, Operations Branch, Aerospace Medicine. With the reorganization of the Bureau, he was reassigned as Medical Corps Plans Officer, Career Development Division, Naval Medical Command. He served as Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital, Rota, Spain from July 1983 to June 1985 and as Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida from July 1985 to August 1986.

After his selection to flag rank, Rear Admiral Buckendorf served as Commander, Naval Medical Command, Mid-Atlantic Region from September 1986 to May 1988. In June 1988, he assumed his present duties as Deputy Commander for Fleet Readiness and Support, Naval Medical Command, Washington, DC.

Rear Admiral Buckendorf's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of second award), Combat Air Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (two bronze stars), the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (with palm), Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Expert Pistol Shot Medal.

Rear Admiral Buckendorf is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a member of the American Medical Association, Aerospace Medical Association, New York Academy of Science, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Society of U.S. Naval Flight Surgeons, U.S. Naval Institute, University of Nebraska College of Medicine Alumni Association, and Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society. He holds current licensure in Nebraska and California.

Rear Admiral Buckendorf is married to the former Susen E. Olsen of Omaha, Nebraska. They have two children: William, 18, and Kurt, 14.

Assistant Chief for Operational
Medicine and Fleet Support



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RADM Buckendorf became Assistant Chief for Operational Medicine and Fleet support on 3 September 1993. Admiral Buckendorf was appointed to flag rank in September, 1986.

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